

KDLA Welcomes You as a New Public Library Staff Member!

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) is the state government agency whose mission is to support and promote access to library services and to ensure that documentation of government activities is created, preserved, and made available for public use. Below is information about some of our services for library staff persons. You can also find additional information by visiting the Librarians section of our website at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/Pages/default.aspx>.

Regional Consultants

The most visible aspect of KDLA for public libraries is the Regional Consultant. There are eight regions in KDLA's regional system. Each region is comprised of 15 counties and is served by KDLA Field Services Consultants and staff. Your Regional Consultant is a librarian who will be serving your need to know and will provide guidance and support. Your Regional Consultant and your library's Region can be found at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/plssd/Documents/regionalconsultants.pdf>.

Statewide Consultants

KDLA has Statewide Consultants with specific areas of expertise to provide consultation, programming, and training to public library staff. Staff can be reached at their extension by called 502-564-8300.

- Katherine Adelberg - Technology Consultant, katherine.adelberg@ky.gov, ext. 266.
- Chris Bischoff - Construction Consultant, chris.bischoff@ky.gov, ext. 213.
- Heather Dieffenbach - Children's and Youth Services Consultant, heather.dieffenbach@ky.gov, ext. 287.
- Beth Millburn - Continuing Education Consultant, beth.milburn@ky.gov, ext. 219.

Certification

All full-time library employees who provide library information services to the public and all part-time and full-time Library Directors, Assistant Directors, Branch Heads, Department Heads, and Bookmobile (Outreach Services) Librarians are required to be certified per KRS [171.230-300](#). Talk to your Regional Consultant or your supervisor about your certification needs or visit the certification page on our website <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/certification.aspx>.

Continuing Education Opportunities

KDLA offers a variety of training opportunities (many online and free) for library staff to increase their knowledge and obtain contact hours towards recertification. Check with your Regional Consultant about possible continuing education events in your region. A list of training sessions is available on the Continuing Education Events Calendar at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/ContinuingEducationCalendar.aspx>.

Graduate Library School Tuition Reimbursement Grants

KDLA supports the development of the library profession by providing reimbursement scholarships for study towards a master's degree in library science from an ALA accredited program. The application deadline is thirty days after the start of each semester. The guidelines and application are available at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/LibraryScienceTuitionScholarship.aspx>.

LISTSERV® Mailing Lists

KDLA maintains five email discussion lists of interest to library staff including children's and youth services staff, technology staff, bookmobile and outreach staff and public relations staff. The Kentucky Public Library Association also maintains discussion lists for directors, trustees and adult programming staff. These lists are one of the primary ways KDLA communicates with libraries – including information about continuing education classes, workshops, and available grants. The lists are also an opportunity to get advice and expertise from your colleagues. For a complete list and subscription instructions go to

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/listservs.aspx>.

Publications

- Libraries and Archives is KDLA's monthly e-newsletter. You can sign up to receive it via email by emailing paige.sexton@ky.gov.
- The Kentucky Library News Digest is published once a day, 4-5 days a week and includes articles and editorials relating to public libraries in Kentucky and beyond. To receive the Digest, send an email to nikole.wolfe@ky.gov.
- The Annual Statistical Report of Kentucky Public Libraries summarizes information taken from the Annual Report of Public Libraries. Current and historical reports can be found at <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/plssd/Pages/LibraryStatistics.aspx>.

"Ask a Librarian" Reference Service

Use "Ask a Librarian" for assistance with research and reference questions. You can call us at 800-928-7000, ext. 342. Or, email us using the form at

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/askalibrarian/Pages/default.aspx>.

Lending Collections

KDLA provides a variety of lending collections for use by public library staff including book discussion kits (large print, regular print, children's and teen, adult) and thematic programming kits for all ages. Book discussion kits check out for eight weeks, thematic kits for six weeks and will be delivered to your library via the KYVL Courier Service. For more information, visit State Library Lending Collections at

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/Pages/LendingCollections.aspx>.

Library Science Resources

KDLA maintains a library science book and media collection to help you keep up-to-date on professional trends and have access to how-to-do-it manuals. You can search the KDLA Catalog at <http://kdla.kyvl.org> for topics of interest to you.

Kentucky Resource Sharing Program

KDLA supports all types of libraries in their missions of providing information to their customers. This is accomplished by supporting basic resource sharing programs including the OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing and Lyrasis Group Members, the Kentucky OCLC Database and the Kentucky Union List of Serials. For more information see

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/programs/Pages/KYResourceSharing.aspx>.



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